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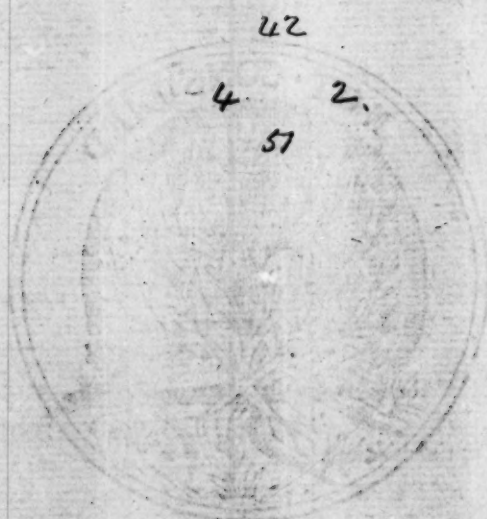
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Held and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 12th Day of *May* 1743, and concluded the 23d Day of the said Month and Year.

I.

The King's Commission to Alexander Earl of Leven, produced, and ordered to be recorded.

At Edinburgh the 12th Day of May, 1743. Sess. I.



THE General Assembly of this National Church being Convened and Constituted, there was produced to them by the Right Honourable *Alexander Earl of Leven*, his Majesty's Commission, sealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union, to be kept and used in *Scotland* in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him His Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commission granted to his Lordship last Year, and *Anno* 1741, which Commission being publickly read, with all due Honour and Respect, was appointed to be recorded in the Books of this Assembly.

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*The King's Most Gracious LETTER
to the General Assembly, presented to
them by His Majesty's Commissioner.*

Edinburgh, May 12. 1743. Sess. 1.

GEORGE R.



RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet You well. It is with great Pleasure and Satisfaction that We reflect on the wise and prudent Behaviour of the former Assemblies of the Church of Scotland; and as We are persuaded that you come together with the same Zeal for the Glory of God, and the Advancement of true Religion and Piety, for the preventing the Growth of Popery, and the suppressing of Vice, We most willingly countenance this your present Meeting, with Our Royal Approbation and Authority.

The steady Loyalty and Affection which the Church has, on all Occasions, shown to Our Person and Government, and her firm Adherence to the Protestant Interest in general, and to the Cause of Virtue and Religion in particular, are Reasons sufficient to induce Us to give fresh Assurances of Our Resolution to protect and maintain the Church of Scotland in the full Enjoyment of all her Rights and Privileges, as by Law established.

You may be fully assured of Our Readiness to concur, in whatever may tend to promote true Religion, suppress Vice and Immorality, and secure the Peace and Prosperity of the Church, not doubting, but that you, on your Part, will sincerely endeavour, to the utmost of your Power, to do every Thing that can conduce to Our Service, and the Welfare of our People; And that your Debates and Proceedings, be managed with a Spirit of Meekness, becoming so venerable an Assembly, carefully avoiding whatever may create unhappy Divisions, which are the most effectual Means, that the Enemies of Our Happiness and Tranquillity, can lay hold of, to disappoint the good Ends for which you are assembled.

The Experience you have already had of the Abilities and Integrity, of Our Right Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin, Alexander Earl of Leven, of his Concern for the Church, and his Zeal, for Our Service, will, We doubt not, render Our Choice of him, to represent Our Royal Person in this Assembly, agreeable to you: And We are persuaded, that his Diligence and Application in the Discharge of so important a Trust, will be assisted and encouraged by the Unanimity and Dispatch with which you will go through the several

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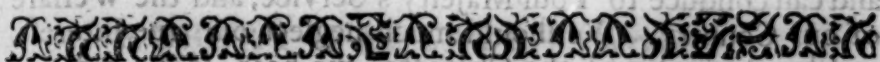
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veral Affairs, that shall come under your Consideration; and so We bid you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the 23d Day of *April* 1743, in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

TWEEDDALE.

Directed,
To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved, the Moderator, Ministers and Elders of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the CHURCH of Scotland.



III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 14th, 1743. Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,



THE General Assembly of this Church, have been honoured with your Majesty's most Gracious Letter, and acknowledge with the greatest Thankfulness, the Countenance You are pleased to give to our Meeting at this Time.

As it is with great Pleasure and Satisfaction, we observe your Majesty's Approbation of the Conduct of former Assemblies of the Church of *Scotland*, and the Confidence You place in us; we hope on this Occasion, to show the same Zeal, for the Glory of GOD, and the Advancement of true Religion and Piety, for the preventing the Growth of Popery, and the suppressing of Vice, which has appeared in former Assemblies; and that the Proceedings of this Assembly shall likewise be favoured with Your Majesty's Royal Approbation.

The repeated Declarations Your Majesty is pleased to give of Your Resolution, to protect and maintain the Church of *Scotland*, in the full Enjoyment of all her Rights and Privileges, as by Law established, greatly encourage us, to persevere in that steady Loyalty and Affection to Your Majesty's Person and Government, for which this Church has been remarkable on all Occasions; And as we are persuaded, the Security of the Protestant Religion, and of our Liber-

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ties does, under GOD, depend, on the Preservation of Your Majesty's Government; Your Majesty may firmly rely on our unshaken Loyalty, and that we will promote the same Loyal Principles among the People.

The Assurances Your Majesty gives us at this Time, of Your Readiness to concur in whatever may tend to promote true Religion, Suppress Vice and Immorality, and secure the Peace and Prosperity of the Church, are extremely agreeable, and must be powerful Motives to excite us on our Part sincerely to endeavour, to the utmost of our Power, to do every Thing that may promote such valuable Ends, and can conduce to Your Majesty's Service, and the Welfare of our Country. We should much neglect our true Interest, and be unworthy of the Character we bear, if we did not carefully avoid, whatever may create unhappy Divisions, and manage our Debates and Proceedings, with that Spirit of Meekness Your Majesty recommends.

We look on the Continuance of Your Royal Bounty, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and preventing the Increase of Popery, in the Highlands and Islands of *Scotland*, as a fresh Instance of Your Paternal Regard, and of Your generous Designs, for the Good and Prosperity of Your Subjects; it shall be our Care to manage this Your Royal Donation in such Manner as may best answer the good Ends proposed by Your Majesty.

The Abilities and Integrity of the Earl of *Leven*, his Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, his sincere Regard to the Interest of this Church, and his prudent Conduct in former Assemblies, render Your Majesty's Choice of him to represent Your Royal Person in this Assembly most agreeable to us. And Your Majesty may be firmly persuaded that nothing shall be wanting on our Part to assist and encourage him in the Discharge of his important Trust, by going thro' the several Affairs that shall come under our Consideration, with a becoming Unanimity, and all possible Dispatch.

That GOD may abundantly bless Your Majesty, and long preserve You for the Happiness of these Nations; That he may make Your Reign prosperous, direct Your Councils, and render Your Arms successful, for redressing the Injuries done to Your Subjects, restoring the Peace and preserving the Liberties of *Europe*; That he may eminently bless the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princesses, the Issue of the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, and all the Branches of Your Royal Family; That he may protect you while you are Abroad, and restore You in Peace and Honour to Your *British* Dominions; And that, after a long and happy Reign on Earth, over a flourishing and free

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free People, Your Majesty may inherit an Immortal Crown,
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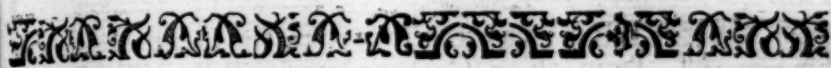
May it please Your Majesty,

*Your Majesty's most faithful, most
obedient, and most loyal Subjects,*

*The Ministers and Elders met in
the National Assembly of the
Church of Scotland.*

*Sign'd in our Name, in our Pre-
sence, and at our Appointment, by*

ROBERT WALLACE Moderator.



IV.

ACT and Overture about the Manner of Licensing Probationers.

Edinburgh, May 21st, 1743, Sess. 9.

HERE was transmitted from the Committee for Overtures, an Overture and *interim* Act past by the General Assembly last Year, with Relation to the Licensing of Probationers, with their Opinion that the same be continued in Force as an Act for another Year, and that, before next Assembly, Presbyteries, particularly those in the Highlands, do give their Opinion on the following Amendment propos'd to be made thereto, viz. That there be no Exception of Students having the *Irish* Language, as to the Time of their studying Divinity. The General Assembly having heard the said Overture and Opinion, agreed thereto in the above Terms, and do enact for one Year, from the Meeting of this Assembly; and also transmit the same as an Overture to the several Presbyteries accordingly.

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ACT disjoining certain Parishes of the Presbyteries of Middlebee, Lochmaben and Jedburgh, and erecting the same into two new Presbyteries to be called the Presbyteries of Annan and Langholm.

Edinburgh, May 21. 1743. Sess. 9.



HERE was transmitted to the General Assembly from their Committee for Bills, The Petition of the Presbytery of *Middlebee*, representing, That the said Presbytery consists of Eleven Parishes, of which six are in *Annandale*, viz. *Annan*, *Hoddam*, *Dornock*, *Middlebee*, *Kirkpatrick* and *Graitney*; the other five are in *Eskdale*, viz. *Langholm*, *Ewes*, *Westerkirk*, *Eskdalemuir*, and *Canonbee*; That, by Reason of the great Distance of many of these Parishes from the Presbytery Seat, the Badness of the Roads thro' Mossy or Marly Ground, and other Inconveniencies more particularly set forth in the said Petition, the said Presbytery seldom meets at *Middlebee*, but the Members were in Use to meet sometimes at *Annan*, *Langholm*, *Halfmorton*, and other Churches, wandering about from one Place to another, without any Order, whereby a great many Difficulties and Inconveniencies ensued, of which the Synod of *Dumfries* was so sensible that they advised them to meet at *Annan* and *Langholm*, by Turns, in Winter, and at *Middlebee* and *Halfmorton* in Summer; and yet this, with all other Expedients, have been tried without Effect: They therefore proposed, that the six Parishes in *Annandale* be erected into a Presbytery to meet at *Annan*; and that *Cummertrees* and *Ruthwell*, in the Presbytery of *Lochmaben* (which at present consists of 15 Parishes) be added to them, of which the first is two Miles from *Annan* and the other four. That this will effectually remove all the Hardships which affect that Part of the Presbytery: They will have good Accommodation at *Annan*; the remotest Church is not above six Miles from it, and the Road is always good. They further proposed that the five Parishes in *Eskdale* be erected into another Presbytery to meet at *Langholm*, (where they will have the like Advantages as at *Annan*) and

and that the Parish of *Casleton* (which at present belongs to the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, where there are 15 Parishes) be annexed to them, which will be likewise highly convenient for the Minister of this Parish, as he lies 16 Miles from *Jedburgh*, and only 8 from *Langholm*. The said Petition further sets forth, That the Synods of *Dumfries* and of *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, and the Presbyteries of *Lochmaben* and *Jedburgh*, had, for their respective Concerns consented to the aforesaid Disjunctions and new Erections, as appears by Extracts of their several Sentences produced. The General Assembly having heard the said Petition, and Opinion of their Committee for Bills thereupon, and having had the Consents of the above-mentioned Presbyteries and Synods produced before them, Did, and hereby Do, according thereto, disjoin the six Parishes in *Annandale*, viz. the Parishes of *Annan*, *Hoddam*, *Dornock*, *Middlebee*, *Kirkpatrick* and *Graitney* from the Presbytery of *Middlebee*, and the Parishes of *Cumertrees* and *Ruthwel* from the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, and do erect these eight Parishes into a Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of *Annan*, and to have their Meetings for ordinary at *Annan*: And Did, and hereby Do, disjoin the five Parishes in *Eskdale*, viz. The Parishes of *Langholm*, *Ewes*, *Westerkirk*, *Eskdalemoor*, and *Canonbee*, from the said Presbytery of *Middlebee*, and and the Parish of *Casleton* from the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, and do erect these six Parishes into another Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of *Langholm*, and to have their ordinary Meetings at *Langholm*; and the Assembly do authorise the Synod of *Dumfries*, at their first Meeting, to appoint the Time of the first Meeting of the above-mentioned Presbyteries of *Annan* and *Langholm*: And the Assembly declare these Presbyteries to have the same Powers and Privileges which any other Presbytery have by the Word of GOD, and Constitution of this Church.

VI.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 23d, 1743, Sess. 10.



THE General Assembly taking to their serious Consideration, That there are diverse Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint, The Rev. Mr. *Robert Wallace*, One of the Ministers of *Edinburgh*, their Moderator; and from the Presbytery of *Miegle*, Mr. *John Robertson* at *Alyth*,

Alyth, Mr. *Alexander Scot* at Kingoldrum, Mr. *James Spankie* at Coupar, Ministers ; the Laird of Lintrole, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forfar, Mr. *John Dougal* at Rescobie, Mr. *George Ogilvy* at Cortachy, Ministers ; *Thomas Adamson* Merchant in Kirrimuir, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dundee, Mr. *Thomas Donaldson* at Liff, Mr. *Alexander Corse* at Abernyte, Mr. *John Stewart* at Tealline, Ministers ; *John Donaldson* of Inverichty Esq; Merchant and sometime Provost of Dundee, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberbrothwick, Mr. *John Henderson* at St. Vigians, Mr. *Henry Ogilvy* at Lunan, Ministers ; *James Doig* late Baillie in Aberbrothwick, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Brichen, Mr. *Andrew Knox* at Kinaird, Mr. *James Muirison* at Edziel, Mr. *William Shank* at Brichen, Ministers ; *John Pilmore* Merchant in Montrose, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Montrose, *George Muirison*, One of the present Baillies thereof. From the Presbytery of Fordoun, Mr. *Henry Hamilton* at Glenbervie, Mr. *Andrew Thomson* at Laurence-Kirk, Mr. *Thomas Dow* at Bervie, Ministers ; *James Burnet* Esq; younger of Montboddo, Ruling Elder ; and from the Burgh of Bervie, Mr. *Alexander Arbuthnot* of Knox, One of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs. From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr. *George Chalmers*, Principal of the King's College at Aberdeen, Mr. *Alexander Shank* at Drumoak, Mr. *Archibald Napier* at Mary-Coulter, Mr. *Thomas Reid* at Newmachar, Ministers ; Mr. *Robert Stewart* late Provost of Aberdeen, and Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elders ; from the King's College, Mr. *John Lumisden*, Professor of Theology in the said College ; from the Marishal College, Mr. *James Chalmers* Professor of Theology in the said College. From the Presbytery of Kincardine-Oniel, Mr. *Lewis Reid* at Straththaen, Mr. *George Shepherd* at Aboyne, Mr. *William Abel* at Kincardine-Oniel, Ministers ; Sir *Arthur Forbes* of Craigievar Bart. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Alford, Mr. *Patrick Reid* at Clait, Mr. *Theodore Gordon* at Kinethmont, Mr. *John Mair* at Forbes, Ministers ; *John Forbes* of Alford Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Ellon, Mr. *Alexander Howie* at Tarves, Mr. *Andrew Moir* at Methlick, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Garioch, Mr. *Francis Downey* at Kemnay, Mr. *Robert Abercrombie* at Leslie, Mr. *James Chalmers* at Daviot, Ministers ; the Right Hon. the Lord *Drummore*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Deer, Mr. *Thomas Anderson*, at Abdour, Mr. *William Taylor* at New-Deer, Mr. *James Walker* at Peterhead, Ministers ; *William Volume* Ship-master in Peterhead, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Turreff, Mr. *James Wilson* at Gamrie, Mr. *William Johnston* at Montwhitter, Ministers ; *George Smith* in Gamrie, Ruling El-

Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordice, Mr. *James Adamson* at Ordiquhill, Mr. *James Innes* at Bamff, Ministers; *William Ord* Baillie in Cullen, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Cullen, Mr. *Charles Hopewell* of Craigichall. From the Presbytery of Strathbogie, Mr. *Walter Syme* at Mortlith, Mr. *Robert Innes* at Huntly, Ministers; *William Duff* of Crombie Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberlour, Mr. *John Paul* at Rothies, Mr. *George Grant* at Boharm, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord *Elchies*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abernethy, Mr. *Francis Grant* at Cromdale, Mr. *William Blair* at Kingussie, Ministers; the Hon. Sir *James Grant* of Grant, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Elgin, Mr. *George Gordon* at Alves, Mr. *James Spence* at Urquhart, Ministers; *Lodovick Dunbar* of Westfield, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forreths, Mr. *John Crockat* at Dallas, Mr. *Robert Dunbar* at Dyke, Ministers; *William Colly* in Burgy, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverness, Mr. *Farquhar Beton* at Croy, Mr. *Aeneas Shaw* at Petty, Ministers; the Right Hon. *Duncan Forbes* of Culloden Esq; Lord President of the Session, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Chanonry, Mr. *Hugh Campbell* at Kilmuir-wester, Mr. *Thomas Inglis* at Cullicudden, Ministers; *Alexander Gordon* of Ardoch, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Taine, Mr. *John MacArthur* at Logie-caster, Mr. *Joseph Monro* at Eddertoun, Ministers; Sir *John Gordon* of Invergordon Bart. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dingwall, Mr. *Thomas Chisholm* at Kilmorack, Mr. *Alexander Falconer* at Urquhart, Ministers; Mr. *Albert Monro* of Coull, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abertarph, Mr. *John Stewart* at Kilmanivaig, Mr. *John Grant* at Urquhart, Ministers, *Alexander Frazer* of Balnain, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Skye, Mr. *Donald MacQueen* at Rum, Mr. *John MacPherson* at ———. From the Presbytery of Uist, Mr. *John Monro* at South-Uist, Mr. *Donald MacLeod* at North Uist, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Gaikloch, Mr. *Aeneas MacAulay* at Applecross, Mr. *John Beton* at Glensheal, Ministers; *Kenneth MacKenzie*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dornoch, Mr. *Robert Kirk* at Dornoch, Mr. *John Sutherland* at Gollspie, Ministers; *Andrew MacCulloch* Baillie of Dornoch, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Tong, Mr. *Walter Ross* at Tong, Mr. *Murdoch MacDonald* at Duirness, Ministers; Mr. *George MacKay* Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Caithness, Mr. *James Gilchrist* at Thurso, Mr. *John Sinclair* at Wattin, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord *Murkle*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kirkwall, Mr. *Thomas Galloway*

at St. Andrews, Mr. *Edward Irvine* at Kirkwall, Ministers; the Right Hon. *James Earl of Morton*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Cairnston, Mr. *Alexander Geddes* at Birsay, Mr. *James Weir* at Orphir, Ministers. From the Presbytery of North-Isles, Mr. *Thomas Traill* at Lady Parish, Mr. *James Jamison* at Rowsay, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Zetland, Mr. *Matthew Moncrieff* at Bressay, Mr. *Thomas Millar* at Lerwick, Ministers; Sir *Andrew Mitchel* of Westshore Bart. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. *John Mathison* at Edinburgh, Mr. *George Fordice* at Corstorphin, Mr. *George Wishart* at Edinburgh, Mr. *William Aitken* at South Leith, Mr. *Alexander Webster* at Edinburgh, Mr. *John Gowdie*, Professor of Divinity in the College of Edinburgh, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord *Armistoun*, *John Forrest* Merchant and present Town Treasurer of Edinburgh, Mr. *James Baillie* of Hardingtoun, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elders; City of Edinburgh, *John Coutts* Esq; Lord Provost thereof, *George Langlands* Surgeon and Deacon Conveener of the Trades thereof; University of Edinburgh, Dr. *William Wishart* Principal therein; Church of Campvere, Mr. *James Tair* Minister there; *Archibald MacAulay* Esq; Lord Conservator, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. *John Wilkie* at Uphal, Mr. *Andrew Gloug* at West-calder, Mr. *Robert Spiers* at Linlithgow, Mr. *Patrick Bennet* at Polmont, Ministers; Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of Innerwick, *Alexander Gillon* of Wallhouse, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Linlithgow, *George Dundas* of Dundas, Esq; Burgh of Queensferry, Mr. *James Ramsay* of Blackraig. From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. *James Wilson* at Symingtoun, Mr. *John Buchanan* at Covingtoun, Ministers; Mr. *John Dickson* Advocate, younger of *Kilbucho*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. *Stephen Paton* at Newlands, Mr. *John Hay* at Peebles, Mr. *Alexander Coupar* at Traquair, Ministers; Mr. *Charles Hamilton* of Spittlehaugh, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dalkeith, Mr. *John Wilson* at Glencorse, Mr. *James Burnet* at Lesswade, Mr. *David Plenderleith* at Ormiston, Ministers; Mr. *Robert Dundas* younger of Armistoun, his Majesty's Solicitor, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Haddingtoun, Mr. *Patrick Wilkie* at Haddingtoun, Mr. *Charles Cunningham* at Tranent, Mr. *Andrew Dickson* at Aberlady, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew Bromfield* of Dunerahill, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Haddingtoun, Sir *Robert Sinclair* of Stevenson, Bart. Burgh of North-Berwick, Mr. *George Brown* younger of Colstoun, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Dunbar, Mr. *John Hamilton* at Stenton, Mr. *David Smith* at Innerwick, Ministers; Mr. *Thomas Hamilton*, Advocate, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dunbar, *Alexander Hamilton* of Pencaitland, Esq. From the Presbytery of Dunse, Mr. *Matthew Sandilands-Dysart* at

at Eccles, Mr. *James Laurie* at Langtoun, Ministers; Mr. *George Buchan* of Cumlage, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery at Chirnside, Mr. *James Colden* at Whitfom, Mr. *Robert Bryden* at Coldingham, Mr. *John Tod* at Ladykirk, Ministers; Mr. *John Stewart*, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kelfo, Mr. *Thomas Pollock* at Ednam, Mr. *Joseph Leck* at Yetholm, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew Edmondston* of Ednam, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. *William Turnbull* at Abbotrule, Mr. *William Somervell* at Hawick, Mr. *William Armstrong* at Casketoun, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord Minto, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Earlstoun, Mr. *James Innes* at Mertoun, Mr. *John Gowdie* at Earlstoun, Ministers; *George Peter* of Chappel, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. *Adam Mill* at Melroß, Mr. *James Home* at Bowden, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew Pringle*, Advocate, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Selkirk, Mr. *Gideon Schaw* of Laurieston. From the Presbytery of Middlebee, Mr. *David Balmain* at Westerkirk, Mr. *Robert Petrie* at Canonbee, Ministers; *John Paxton* Merchant in Ecclesfeighan, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lochmaben, Mr. *James Armstrong* at Ruthwell, Mr. *William Young* at Hutton, Mr. *David Imrie* at Dalton, Ministers; Mr. *Charles Areskine* of Tinwald, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Penpont, Mr. *William Moodie* at Glencairn, Mr. *Alexander Bayne* at Keir, Ministers; *Alexander Ferguson* of Craigdarroch, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfries, Mr. *James Guthrie* at Iron Gray, Mr. *Luke Gibson* of Colvend, Mr. *George Duncan* at Lochrutton, Ministers; *George Bell* late Provost of Dumfries, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr. *George Garthshore* at Kirkcudbright, Mr. *Nathaniel M'Kie* at Crossmichael, Mr. *John Lamont* at Kelton, Ministers; *William M'Millan* of Barwhinnock, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Wigton, Mr. *Edward Boyd* at Wigtoun, Mr. *James Maitland* at Sorbie, Ministers; Doctor *Alexander Martin* of Little-Airies, Physician, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Whithorn, *Hugh Hathorn*, Merchant, and Dean of Guild of Edinburgh. From the Presbytery of Stranrawer, Mr. *Robert Finlay* at Inch, Mr. *Andrew Dalziel* at Stonykirk, Ministers; Mr. *William Hamilton* of Ladyland, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Stranrawer, Mr. *Andrew M'Dowal* of Kingseat, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Air, Mr. *John M'Dermit* at Air, Mr. *William Coatts* at Dalmellington, Mr. *George Reid* at St. Quivox, Mr. *Patrick Woodrow* at Torbolton, Mr. *Robert Walker* at Straiton, Ministers; Colonel *William Dalrymple* of Glenmoor, and Mr. *James Boswel* of Auchinleck, Advocate, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Air, Mr. *David Ballandine* of Gairdrum. From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr. *William Lishman* at Beith, Mr. *James Halket*

at Fenwick, Mr. *John Montgomery* at Stewartoun, Ministers; Mr. *Patrick Boyle* of Shewalton, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Paisley, Mr. *Robert Carrick* at Houstoun, Mr. *David Brown* at Port-Glasgow, Mr. *Henry Miller* at Neillston, Mr. *James Lundie* at Erskine, Ministers; Sir *John Maxwell* of Pollock, Bart. and Baillie, *William Somervell* Merchant in Renfrew Ruling Elders. Burgh of Renfrew, Mr. *Archibald Campbell* of Elderslie. From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. *John Scot* at Stenhouse, Mr. *Robert Hamilton* at Hamilton, Mr. *Robert Park* at West-munkland, Ministers; Mr. *James Yuil* Probationer, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lanerk, Mr. *John Orr* at Lanerk, Mr. *Charles Hunter* at Petinain, Mr. *William Hamilton* at Dowglass, Ministers; *George Baillie* of Hardingtoun, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Glasgow, Mr. *William Maxwell* at Rutherglen, Mr. *Collin Campbell* at Egleshom, Mr. *John Gillies* at Glasgow, Ministers; *Richard Allan* Merchant, and one of the present Baillies of Glasgow, Ruling Elder. From the City of Glasgow, *Laurence Dinwoodie* Merchant, and present Provost thereof. From the University of Glasgow, Mr. *Neil Campbell*, Principal of the College of Glasgow. From the Presbytery of Dumbarton, Mr. *Archibald Sydserff* at Dumbarton, Mr. *James Bain* at Killern, Mr. *Andrew Gray* at Easter-Kilpatrick, Ministers; *James Hamilton* of Barns, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dumbarton, Mr. *George Smollet* of Inglishtoun, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Dunoon, Mr. *Robert Glen* at Lochgoylhead, Mr. *Alexander Lamont* at Kilfinan, Ministers; Sir *James Campbell* of Ardkinglass, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr. *John Campbell* at Islay, Mr. *Neil Campbell* at Jura, Ministers; Mr. *Alexander M. Millan* of Dunmore, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverary, Mr. *Robert Fullarton* at Kilmichael, Mr. *Hugh Campbell* at Craignish, Ministers; The Right Hon. *Archibald Earl of Islay*, and *Collin Campbell* of Kilbride, Esq; Ruling Elders. Burgh of Inverary, Captain *John Campbell*, Merchant Taylor in Edinburgh. From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. *James Forbes* at Kilchrenan, Mr. *James Campbell* at Kilmore, Ministers; *James Campbell* of St. Germain's Esquire, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr. *Lauchlan Campbell* at Ardnamurchan, Mr. *Alexander MacTavish* at Tirie, Ministers; Sir *Duncan Campbell* of Loch-nel, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr. *Alexander Stewart* at Blair-Athole, Mr. *Alexander Campbell* at Weem, Mr. *James Scot* at Auchtergaven, Mr. *James Bishop* at Kinclaven, Ministers; His Grace the Duke of *Athole*, *Peter Small* of Lianoch, and *Robert MacIntosh* Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Perth, Mr. *Lauchlan MacIntosh* at Errol, Mr. *John Johnston* at Arngosk, Mr. *Patrick*

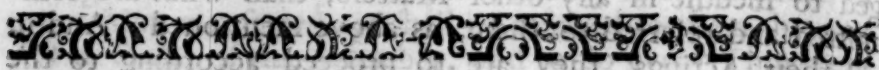
Patrick Duncan at Tippermuir, *Mr. Patrick Bennerman* at St. Madois, Ministers ; the Honourable *Robert Craigie* of Glendoig Esquire, His Majesty's Advocate, and *George Hay* of Leys, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Stirling, *Mr. Thomas Turner* at Stirling, *Mr. William Bennet* at Denny, *Mr. James Smith* at Lerbert, Ministers ; *Thomas Dundas* of Fingask Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, *Mr. Alexander Murray* at Fowlis, *Mr. William Moncrieff* at Blackfoord, *Mr. Andrew Ramsay* at Madderty, Ministers ; *Mr. James Graham* of Damside Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumblane, *Mr. Archibald Napier* at Kilmadock, *Mr. James Richardson* at Aberfoyle, Ministers ; the Right Hon. the Lord *Napier* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfermline, *Mr. John Liston* at Aberdour, *Mr. Robert Stark* at Torriburn, *Mr. Thomas Gilespie* at Carnock, Ministers ; *James Dewar* of Lassoddie Esquire Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dumfermline ; the most Hon. *John Marquis* of Tweeddale. Burgh of Inverkeithing, *John Cuninghame* of Balbougie Esq; From the Presbytery of Kirkcaldy, *Mr. John Currie* at Kinglassie, *Mr. Matthew Mitchel* at Auchterderran, *Mr. George Gib* at Abbotthal, Ministers ; *Mr. George Balfour* of Balbirnie, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Kirkcaldy, *Robert Hay* of Struie, late Provost thereof. Burgh of Dysart, *Thomas Greig* Baillie thereof. Burgh of Kinghorn, *Mr. John Boswel* of Balmuto. From the Presbytery of Coupar, *Mr. John Balingal* at Coupar, *Mr. Hugh Glass* at Kettle, *Mr. Gershom Carmichael* at Monimail, *Mr. Thomas Stark* at Balmerino, Ministers ; the Right Hon. *Alexander* Earl of Leven, *Mr. James MacGill* of Rankeilor, and *Mr. Henry Barclay* of Collearny, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Coupar, the Hon. *Mr. James Leslie* Advocate, Provost thereof. From the Presbytery of St. Andrews, *Mr. James Haddow*, Principal of the new College at St. Andrews, *Mr. Thomas Tulhede*, Principal of St. Leonards College there, *Mr. Patrick Glass* at Crail, *Mr. William Vilant* at Kingsbarns, Ministers ; *Dr. Scot* of Cots, and *Mr. Alexander Walker* of St. Fort, Ruling Elders. Burgh of St. Andrews. *Patrick Lindsay* Esq; late Lord Provost of Edinburgh ; University of St. Andrews, *Mr. Andrew Shaw* Professor of Divinity therein, to be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after-mentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-House as *Edinburgh*, the first free Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, and thereafter, the first *Wednesday* of *August*, and second *Wednesdays* of *November* and *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient ;

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with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator : And likewise the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, above-mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly ; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church and present Establishment thereof do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable : Providing always, That this General Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, That no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets, and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force, till disapproved by the General Assembly ; and the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before-named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert : And that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*, and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, The said Commission, is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals, that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly ; and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality ; and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End : Likewise, to take Care that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorized by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and empowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence there.

therein ; and if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed and referred to them, as above mentioned : And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same ; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause. And this Commission is to continue and endure, until another Commission be appointed ; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six ; and for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within Twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission ; and such of the Members of these Presbyteries, as are on the Commission, are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof ; and the Presbyteries, at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care, that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same ; and the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are, or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution ; in that Case, the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such Correspondent Meetings, as has been the Practice of late, but shall allow the same to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners, their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly do further impower and direct the said Commission, to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their

Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.



VII.

Instruction to the Commission of the General Assembly.

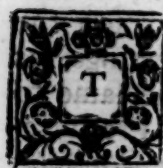
Edinburgh, May 23d, 1743, ante meridiem Sess. 10.

THE General Assembly appoints, That all Questions concerning the Settlement of Parishes, not already depending before this Assembly, but that may be brought before the Commission, in pursuance of a general Reference, shall not be decided by them otherwise than by Appeal or Reference from the Synod within which the vacant Parishes ly.

VIII.

ACT appointing the Places of Meeting of the Synod of Perth and Stirling.

Edinburgh, May 23d, 1743, post meridiem. Sess. ult.



HERE being presented and read to the General Assembly, an Act of the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*, (to whom it was remitted by last Assembly to agree upon their stated Places of Meeting and Report) appointing their ordinary fixed Meetings to be at *Perth* in *October*, and at *Stirling* in *April* yearly *per vices*, in all Time coming, the General Assembly having heard the said Act, Did, and hereby Do, interpone their Authority thereto, and do appoint the Meetings of the said Synod accordingly.

Commission

IX.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and for managing His Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

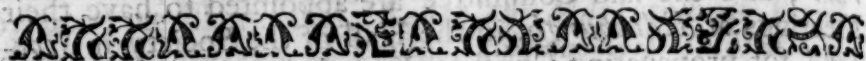
Edinburgh, May 23d, 1743. *post meridiem Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint, the Rev. Mr. Robert Wallace, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, their Moderator, Mr. Nial Campbell, Principal of the College at Glasgow, Mr. James Haddow, Principal of the new College at St. Andrews, Mr. George Chalmers, Principal of the King's College at Aberdeen, Mr. Thomas Tultideph, Principal of St. Leonard's College at St. Andrews, Mr. John Gowdie, Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh, Masters, John Thurburn at Kirknewtown, Niel MacVicar at West-kirk, his Majesty's Almoner, James Walker at Canongate, James Nisbet at Edinburgh, John Guthrie at Ratho, William Gusthart at Edinburgh, John Mathison there, George Logan there, James Banantyne there, George Fordice at Corstorphin, William Robertson at Edinburgh, Robert Kinloch there, John Hepburn there, John Glen there, Thomas Pitcairn at West-kirk, Patrick Cumming at Edinburgh, James Stevenson at South-Leith, William Wishart, Principal of the College of Edinburgh, George Lindsay at North-Leith, George Wishart at Edinburgh, Robert Hamilton there, William Aitken at South-Leith, George Gibson at Collingtown, Alexander Webster at Edinburgh, Gilbert Hamilton at Cramond, James Glasgow in the Castle of Edinburgh, David Moubray at Currie, John Jardine at Libbertoun, John Stewart at Tealine, Matthew Moncrieff at Bressay, George Gordon at Alves, Robert Dunbar at Dyke, Farquhar Beton at Croy, Hugh Campbell at Kilmuir-wester, John Grant at Urquhart, Aeneas MacAulay at Aplecrofs, John Sutherland at Golspie, Edward Irvine at Kirkwall, John Wilkie at Uphal, John Buchanan at Covington, John Hay at Peebles, John Wilson at Glencorse, David Plenderleith at Ormiston, Andrew Dickson at Aberlady, David Smith at Innerwick, John Gowdie at Earlstoun, Luke Gibson

Gibson at Colvend, George Duncan at Lochrutton, Alexander Bain at Kier, George Garthshore at Kirkcudbright, William Coats at Dalmellington, Robert Walker at Straiton, William Leechman at Beith, Charles Hunter at Retinain, Robert Hamilton at Hamilton, Hugh Campbell at Craigneith, Archibald Sydes at Dumbarton, Alexander Stewart at Blair-Athol, Lauchlan MacIntosh at Erroll, Alexander Murray at Fowls, Thomas Gillespie at Carnock, Matthew Mitchell at Auchterderran, John Ballingall at Coupar, William Johnston at Montwhately, Robert Innes at Huntly, George Grant at Boharm, John MacArthur at Logie-Easter, Ministers; the Right Hon. Alexander Earl of Leven, James Earl of Morton, Francis Lord Napier, Duncan Forbes of Culloden Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session, Robert Craigie of Glendoeck Esq; his Majesty's Advocate, the Lord Drumore, the Lord Murkle, the Lord Arnistoun, John Coats Esq; Lord Provost of Edinburgh, John Forrest, Merchant and present Treasurer thereof, George Langlands, Deacon Conveener of the Trades thereof, Albert Moure of Coull, Mr. George MacKay Advocate, Mr. James Baillie of Hardington, Archibald MacAulay, Lord Conservator, Mr. Robert Dundas younger of Arnistoun, his Majesty's Solicitor, Mr. George Brown of Colstoun, Advocate, Mr. Alexander Hamilton of Pencaitland, Mr. George Buchan of Cumlage, Mr. John Stewart Advocate, George Peter of Chappel, Mr. Andrew Pringle, Advocate, Mr. Charles Areskine of Tinwald, Advocate, Dr. Alexander Martine of Little-Airies, Physician, Mr. Andrew MacDonall of Kingseat, Advocate, the Honourable Mr. Patrick Boyle of Shewaltoun, Advocate, Mr. George Smollet of Inglisfoun, Advocate, Captain John Campbell of Lymfield, Thomas Dundas of Fingask, late Baillie of Edinburgh, James Grame of Damside, John Cunningham of Balbougie, John Boswel of Balmuto, Patrick Lindsay Esquire, late Provost of Edinburgh, Mr. William Grant, Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Mr. James Davidson of Haltree, and Robert MacIntosh, Agent for the Church, Ruling Elders; To be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profanity, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the Eighth Act of the late Assembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned, and in Acts formerly made and referred to, in the Commissions granted to former Committees, any seven of the Persons above-named are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof some to be Ministers; But it is hereby appointed

pointed, That at the quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, to be held after the rising of the Commission in *August* next, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries for the Year ensuing, shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Rulings Elders, at least, shall be a *Quorum*; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the Four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, except when it falls to be upon *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be upon *Monday* following, next thereafter, at the said Hour; with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find most needful and convenient: And they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the *Society for propagating Christian Knowledge*, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate and appoint the said Mr. *William Grant*, Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, That no Person once employed, and insert in the Scheme, shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at least nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders: And in case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determined at the first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and, in the mean Time, the Person complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, shall be acquainted of such a Complaint, and these concerned be required to send to the said Committee a just Account of the Matter against their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty is settled, in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answer to these Letters, at farthest, with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same

be not done sooner. And that the Committee at their Meeting in *May*, shall name a Sub-committee of their Number, for preparing the next Year's Scheme, who are to lay their Draught thereof before the said Meeting immediately after the Commission in *August*.



X.

ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 23d, 1743, post meridiem. Sess. ult.



THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place, upon the second *Thursday* of *May* next, in the Year 1744, being the 10th Day of that Month.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing a Part of the 122 Psalm, from the sixth Verse to the Close, and pronouncing the Blessing.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

WILLIAM GRANT Cls. Eccl. Scot.

Overture about the Manner of deciding Causes before the Commission.

Edinburgh, May 23d, 1743.



THE following Overture being proposed, viz. That hereafter it be an Instruction to the Commission, That all Causes brought to the Assembly by Appeal directly from Presbyteries, and not decided by the Assembly, be determined by the Commission at their Meeting in *May*, or otherwise be remitted to the Synod of the Bounds, and receive their Judgment, from which the same may be brought to the Commission in *November* or *March*: The General Assembly transmit the said Overture to the several Presbyteries for their Opinion thereupon, which they are appointed to send up to the next General Assembly.

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His Majesty's most Gracious Letter to this Assembly, read, and recorded. *Ibid.*

The King's Commissioner's Speech at Opening this Assembly, and the Moderator's Speech in Return thereto. *Ibid.*

His Majesty's Warrant for 1000 *l.* Sterling, as His Royal Bounty for maintaining Itinerant Preachers and Catechists, in the Highlands and Islands, given in by the King's Commissioner, read, and recorded. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to draw an Answer to His Majesty's most Gracious Letter. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed for revising Commissions to Members of this Assembly, censuring Absents from the Diets of the Assembly, naming Ministers to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner, examining Lists of Probationers, receiving in Lists of Students in Divinity at the several Universities, and Report. *Ibid.*

A Committee for Overtures, named. *Ibid.*

A Committee for Bills, References, and Appeals, named. *Ibid.*

A Diet spent in Prayer. May 13th, Sess. 2.

Ministers named to preach before His Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Act 7th of the Assembly 1718, for the better Dispatch of the Business of Assembly, read, and the Observation thereof enjoined. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Answer to the King's most Gracious Letter to this Assembly, brought in, and approven; and his

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his Grace the King's Commissioner undertakes to transmit the same to his Majesty, *May 14th, 1743, Sess. 3.*

A Committee of Persons chosen out of the several Synods, appointed to revise the Register of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commission of the late General Assembly, audite and revise the Procurator and Agent's Accompts, consider the State of the Churches publick Money, and prepare Overtures about the same, agreeable to the 7th Act of the Assembly 1712, and 8th Act of Assembly 1719; and all Petitions and Claims whatsoever, for any Share of the publick Money appointed to be laid before the said Committee; and they are also appointed to prepare any Overtures or References made by the late Commission to the Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Motion being made, That, in Respect *Nicol Spence* Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the General Assembly, is lately deceased, Enquiry be made, by what Right *Robert MacIntosh* has acted, and continues to exercee, in these Offices, resolved that upon *Tuesday* next, Enquiry be made into this Matter; and the Act of Assembly 1738, constituting him conjunct with Mr. *Spence* in these Offices, and his Successor after his Death, ordered to be printed, and Copies thereof given to Members, and the principal Petition of Mr. *Spence*, upon which the Act past, with the original Minutes, to be laid on the Table upon *Monday* next. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Committee of the late General Assembly, for managing the Royal Bounty, granted for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*; and to draw up a Nomination of Persons to be of the Committee, for managing the King's Bounty granted this Year, with a Commission and Instructions to them. *Ibid.*

Committees named for revising the Synod Books of *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Ross*, *Orkney*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Dumfries*, *Galloway*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, and *Fife*. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, *Glenelg*, *Sutherland* and *Caithness*, *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, and *Argyle*; and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, not being produced, resolved that the Reatons thereof be enquired into. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive in the Instructions from the several Presbyteries and Synods, and consider the same, and Report. *Ibid.*

Resolved, That a Reference by the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, about the Parish of *Tannadice*, be heard on *Monday* next, as the first private Cause, and next to it, a Cause about the Settlement of *Cluny*, if it can be overtaken that Day. *Ibid.*

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- A Representation and Scheme, for providing an Annuity to Ministers Widows, and a Stock to their Children, prepared by a Committee of the Commission of the late General Assembly, appointed to draw up the same, and to lay it before this Assembly, produced; with the Principles and Data, on which the Calculation relative to the Scheme is instituted, and also a Table of the Calculation itself, all printed, and Copies put in the Hands of Members. The Assembly agreed, that the same be considered on *Thursday* next by a Committee of the whole Assembly, *May 16th, Sess. 4.*
- The Committee for Overtures appointed to consider, and report their Opinion upon a Letter from the Synod of *Murray*, for Advice with Respect to their Procedure, in a Case of Scandal depending before them, as to which they are under Difficulties, for removing whereof, they crave an Epplanation of certain Parts of the Form of Process. *Ibid.*
- A Letter from the said Synod of *Murray*, touching the Disposal of the Royal Bounty, granted for Reformation of the *Highlands*, remitted to the Committee to be named by this Assembly, for managing the said Fund. *Ibid.*
- The Cause with Relation to the Planting the Parish of *Tannadice*, brought by Reference and Appeal to this Assembly, from the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, before whom the same came by several Appeals from the Presbytery of *Forfar*, taken by both Parties in the said Parish, Callers of Mr. *John Weath* and Mr. *Robert Young* Probationers, heard, with the Complaint of the Callers of Mr. *Young*, against the said Presbytery for their Proceedings in Settlement of the said Mr. *Weath*, as Minister of *Tannadice*, notwithstanding of several Appeals taken from certain Steps of their Procedure; and the Assembly, by a Vote, did affirm the said Mr. *Weath's* Settlement, but declared their Dissatisfaction with several Steps of the said Presbyteries Conduct in this Affair. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission, to determine in a Cause brought by Reference to the Assembly from the said Synod, upon an Appeal to them, from the Presbytery of *Forfar's* Sentence, suspending *David Cuthbert* and other Five Elders in the Parish of *Tannadice*, and deposing two Elders from the Exercise of their Office. *Ibid.*
- Resolution to hear a Cause about the Settlement of the Parish of *Lochbroom*, next to it, an Appeal concerning the Planting of *Cluny*; and after determining thereof, a Cause about Settlement of the Parish of *Monkton*. *Ibid.*
- Resolution to hear a Cause transmitted by the Committee for Bills about the Settlement of *Kinnell*, after the Cause about planting *Monkton*, *May 17, Sess. 5.* A Com-

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A Committee appointed to class the Reports from Presbyteries, touching the Scheme for providing an Annuity to the Widows of Ministers of this Church, and a Stock to their Children, transmitted to them by a Committee of the late Commission. *Ibid.*

The Assembly pursuant to the Resolution of *Saturday*, proceeded to enquire into the State of the Offices of Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the Assembly thereof; and the Act of Assembly 1738, in Favours of *Robert MacIntosh*, having been printed, and Copies thereof dispersed among Members, and the principal Petition of *Nicol Spence*, with the original Minute made thereupon, were read; and after fully reasoning, a Question was stated thus, Is there any Vacancy in the Offices of Agent and Sub-Clerk, (reserving to the Assembly to determine, whether the same are totally Vacant or not) and it was carried Vacancy; then the Vote was put, Is there a total Vacancy of the foresaid Offices or not, it was carried not? Then the Assembly appointed a Committee, to consider what was proper to be done, in order to supply the Vacancy found in the Half of the said Offices, and report. *Ibid.*

Resolution to hear a Cause about planting the Parish of *Baldernock*, depending by Complaint against the Commission of the late General Assembly, and that next after the Affair of *Kinnell*. *Ibid.*

Heard a Petition of the Earl of *Cromarty*, Patron and other Heritors, Elders and Heads of Families, of the Parish of *Lochbroom*, complaining of the Proceedings of the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, who first appointed the Moderation of a Call, without intimating the same to the Patron and principal Heritor Ten free Days, before they proceeded thereto; and thereafter sustained the Call to *Mr. Roderick MacKenzie*, to be Minister of that Parish; and heard also the said Presbytery's Proceedings of the 9th of *February* last, in actually admitting the said *Mr. MacKenzie* as Minister at *Lochbroom*, with Appeals therefrom; and the Assembly did *nemine contradicente*, reverse the said Settlement, and appointed the Presbytery of *Gairloch* to proceed to the Planting of the foresaid Parish, according to the Rules of this Church; and in order thereto, appointed that the said Presbytery name a Day for the Moderation of a Call to one to be Minister of the said Parish betwixt, and the first of *August* next; and that Intimation thereof, be made from the Pulpit of the Church of *Lochbroom*, twenty free Days before the Day fixed for the foresaid Moderation; and the Assembly declared their Dissatisfaction with the said Presbytery's Conduct in the said Settlement; and appointed a Letter to be wrote to the Earl

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Earl of *Cromarty*, notifying the same to him, and the the Church's Sense of his Lordships Manner of using his Patronages, and hoping for the Continuance thereof. *Ibid.*

The Appeal of *Kenneth Gordon* of *Cluny*, Patron and others of the Parish of *Cluny*, Callers of Mr. *William M. Kenzie* Probationer to be their Minister, from the Sentence of the Synod of *Aberdeen*, sustaining and concurring with a Call of others of the said Parish, to Mr. *Robert Michie* Probationer, to be Minister of the said Parish; and appointing the Presbytery of *Kincardin-Oniel*, to proceed to his Settlement therein, heard, and the said Sentence affirmed, and the Presbytery appointed to proceed accordingly. *Ibid.*

Resolution to take in an Appeal from the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, about the Planting of *Falkirk*, and that next to the Causes for which Diets are already fixed. *Ibid.*

Resolution to hear a Cause, about Planting the Parish of *Robertoun*, next after that of *Falkirk*, if it can be overtaken, *May* 19th, *Sess.* 7.

A Letter from Mr. *William MacKenzie* Probationer, who was one of the Candidates under Call to the Parish of *Cluny*, together with his License and Testimonials of his good Behaviour, produced and referred to the Committee for Overtures. *Ibid.*

Memorial of the Synod of *Dumfries*, transmitted from the Committee for Overtures, referring to a Process of Scandal brought by Appeal from the said Synod to this Assembly, mov'd and resolv'd, that the Cause itself, which is transmitted from the Committee for Bills, be heard by the Assembly, if it can be overtaken; and if not, that it be referred to the Commission at their Meeting in *May*. *Ibid.*

Upon Report of the Committee, for revising the Commissions to Members of this Assembly, transmitted from the Committee for Overtures, all the said Commissions were sustained; and a Recommendation to the Presbytery of *Chanonry*, to be more Exact in observing the Acts of Assembly, as to the Time of their electing their Representatives in the Assembly, and Synods to call to account all Presbyteries in their respective Bounds, who have sent no Representatives to this Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Committee appointed to consider what is proper to be done, in order to supply the Vacancy found in the Half of the Offices of Sub-Clerk to the Assembly, and Agent for the Church, brought in an Overture (for removing the Differences of Opinion, that has occurred in this Assembly)

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bly) which being voted and approven, *Robert MacIntosh* did judicially resign the Half of the said Offices, to which he was found intitled, to the Effect the Assembly might follow furth the Purpose of the said Overture, whereupon the Assembly found the said Offices vacant, by the Death of *Nicol Spence*, and said Resignation of *Robert MacIntosh*; and did nominate, constitute and appoint the said *Robert MacIntosh*, and *John Baillie* Writer to the Signet, to be Conjunct Agents for the Church, and Sub-Clerks to the General Assembly and Commissions thereof, and Clerks to the Committee of the Royal Bounty; and that they have equal Right to the stated Salaries of the said Offices, but that the Exercise of the Office of Sub-Clerk and Clerk to the Royal Bounty be in Mr. *MacIntosh*, and executed by him; and the casual Emoluments thereof be solely enjoyed by him: and that the Exercise of the Office of Agent to the Church, be executed by Mr. *Baillie*, and the casual Emoluments thereof be solely enjoyed by him: And that it be in the Power of the Assembly to appoint any one of them, to execute any Part of either of the said Offices, from Time to Time in such Manner as they shall direct; and that in Case of Sickness, necessary Absence or Inability of either, that the other be obliged to act in both, or either Offices during such Sickness, necessary Absence or Inability, and that the Survivancy of both Offices be in the longest Liver of the Two solely. *Ibid.*

The Sentence of the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, sustaining an Appeal of Sir *Thomas Wallace* of *Craigie*, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Ayr*, who had sustained Mr. *Blair* of *Adamton*, in the present Instance, as sole Patron of the united Parishes of *Monkton* and *Prestick*; and appointed a Call to be moderate to Mr. *William Walker* Probationer, (*Adamton's* Presentee) alone; and ordering the Presbytery to moderate in a Call to Mr. *George Banantyne* Probationer, presented by the said Sir *Thomas Wallace*, to be Minister of the foresaid Parish, and Mr. *Walker* to supply the Vacancy there, reversed, and all that followed in Consequence of it; and the said Sentence of the Presbytery of *Ayr* affirmed, and they appointed to proceed to the Moderation of a Call to the said Mr. *Walker* alone. *Ibid.*

A Commission from the Burgh of *Selkirk*, to their Representative in this Assembly produced, not attested by the Presbytery, by Reason that certain Fees demanded by their Clerk had not been paid, sustained, and a Letter ordered to be sent to the Presbytery, enquiring how any Fees came to be demanded for such their Attestations, *May 20th, Sess. 8.*

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- A Committee appointed to take under Consideration, the State of the Publick Money, that it may not be unnecessarily burdened, and propose Regulations thereanent, to be laid before the Commission in *August* next; and that they transmit Copies thereof to the several Presbyteries of this Church, who are to send their Opinion thereof to the next General Assembly. *Ibid.*
- The Procurator for the Church, appointed to pay Ten Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Six Pence *Sterling*, to the Widow of the deceased Mr. *James Laurie*, Minister at *Benvie*, depurged by him in procuring an Augmentation to his Stipend, in Consequence of an Order of the General Assembly. *Ibid.*
- The Report of the Visitors of the Register of the Commission of the late General Assembly, brought in, and their Book ordered to be attested; with a Reservation as to their Decisions past; with Respect to Mr. *George Buchanan*, late Minister at *Drymen*, deposed; Mr. *John Kennedy*, Probationer, deprived of his Licence; about Planting the Parish of *Badernock*; and their not transporting Mr. *Nimmo* from *Johnstoun* to be Minister at *Moffat*. *Ibid.*
- A Committee appointed to give Advice to the Presbyteries of *Meikle* and *Cairstoun*, in Cases to be laid before them. *Ibid.*
- A Call to Mr. *James Muirison*, Minister at *Edziel*, presented by the Crown, to be Minister at *Kinnell*, sustained; and the Presbytery of *Aberbrothwick* appointed to proceed in a Process, towards obtaining his Transportation and Settlement at *Kinnell*, according to the Rules of this Church, and several Dissents offered against the said Judgment. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission, to determine in any Question that may regularly be brought before them, about the Settlement of the said Parish of *Kinnell*, but not to pass by the Synod, in case a Meeting thereof shall intervene. *Ibid.*
- The Clerk authorised to receive in a Petition of Mr. *John Kennedy*, late Probationer, complaining of the Commission's Sentence in *May* last, and lay the same before the Committee for Bills, to be transmitted if they find Cause. *Ibid.*
- A Representation and Petition of the Principal and Professors of the University of *Edinburgh*, shewing their Desire to accede to the Scheme, for providing an Annuity to Ministers Widows, and a Stock to their Children; and to be included in the Draught of a Bill to be laid before the Legislature, in order to its passing into a Law, remitted to the Consideration of the Committee of the whole Assembly. *Ibid.*
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The Brethren from the Presbyteries within the several Synods, appointed to meet among themselves, in order to bring in a List of the Nominators of the Commission, according to the 6th Act of the Assembly 1705. *Ibid.*

Reasons of Dissent from the Sentence past Yesternight, in the Case of *Kinnell*, given in and read, and ordered to ly in the Clerk's Hands, *May 21. Sess. 9.*

The Commission impowred to determine in any Question, that shall be brought before them, with Relation to the Planting of the Parishes of *Burntisland* and *Orwell*. *Ibid.*

A List of Members in the several Synods, brought in and appointed as a Committee, to draw the Commission and Instructions, and name the Members of the Commission of this Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agent for the Church, appointed to carry on the needful Processes at the publick Charge, for obtaining of a legal Gleib and Grass, to the Minister of *Traquair*. *Ibid.*

Appointment on the Procurator and Agent for the Church, to give Assistance to the Presbytery of *Taine*, for obtaining a new Church built in the Parish of *Fearn*. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agent for the Church, appointed to assist the Presbytery of *Turreff*, in carrying on a Process on the Publick Charge, against Mr. *George Gordon*, School-Master at *Drumblade*, deposed by the said Presbytery from his Office, on Account of his being guilty of Fornication, who, notwithstanding, continues to possess the School House, and teach the School. *Ibid.*

The Overture and Interim Act past last Year, with Respect to the Manner of Licensing Probationers, continued in Force of an Act another Year; and remitted to the several Presbyteries, to give their Opinion on an Amendment proposed to be made thereto. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee for Overtures, who had heard, read over the Licence and Testimonials given to Mr *William MacKenzie* Probationer, and found him to be regularly licenced. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to wait of his Grace the Duke of *Athol*, and the Moderator appointed to write a Letter to his Grace, and to proper Persons at *London*, his Majesty's Ministers or Officers, to sollicite the Passing a Grant of some small Feu and other Duties, sometime belonging to the dignified Clergy, of the Cathedral at *Dunkeld*, amounting to about Thirty Pounds *Sterling*, to be equally divided betwixt the Ministers of *Abernyte* and *Benvie*, who have very small Stipends, and no Tiends in their Parishes, for obtaining an Augmentation. *Ibid.*

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Upon the Report of the Committee of the whole Assembly, to whom the Petition of the University of *Edinburgh*, was Yesterday remitted, the Assembly agree to the Desire thereof; and declared it lawful for the other Universities, to accede to the Scheme, for Provision of Ministers Widows and Children. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for revising the Register of the Actings and Proceedings of the Committee, for managing the Royal Bounty, read, with their Remarks thereupon, which were so far, as respects the applying to have a Place for publick Worship in the *Enzie*, and the settling of Parochial Schools, in the Parishes of *Stromness* and *Dearness* in *Orkney*, agreed to; and as to the Remarks about the Expence of Management, Distribution of the Fund, and Method of accompting with the Cashier of the Royal Bounty, referred to the Committee named this Year; and their Register was ordered to be attested, in the usual Form. *Ibid.*

The Petition of the Presbytery of *Middlebee*, for erecting thereof, into two distinct Presbyteries, granted. *Ibid.*

Complaint of Heritors, Elders, and others of the Parish of *Badernock*, against the late Commission's Sentence, sustaining a Call of some of that Parish, to Mr. *John Colquhoun* Probationer, his Majesty's Presentee, to be Minister thereof, dismissed; and another Complaint of the Callers of Mr. *Colquhoun*, against the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, for not executing the above Sentence of the Commission, heard, and the Presbytery found in this Case, not censurable for the Delay, in Respect of the Complaint against the said Sentence of the Commission; but are now ordered to proceed to the Trials and Settlement of the said Mr. *Colquhoun*, as Minister of *Badernock*, according to the Rules of the Church. *Ibid.*

The Appeal of the Parishioners of *Falkirk*, Callers of Mr. *William Leechman*, Minister at *Beith*, to be their Minister, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, sustaining a Call of the said Parish of *Falkirk*, to Mr. *Robert Speirs*, Minister at *Linlithgow*, to be their Minister, heard, and the said Sentence reversed, and both Calls laid aside; and Reference to the Commission, to determine any Question about the Settlement of *Falkirk*, *Ibid.*

A Collection made in the Assembly-House, for Relief of Persons in indigent Circumstances. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, to determine in any Question, that may be regularly brought before them, with Relation to the Settlement of any of the Parishes vacant, by the Deposition of the Seceding Ministers. *May 23d, Ante Merid. Sess. 10.*

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Report of the Committee, for naming the Members of the Commission, and drawing Instructions to them, brought in and approved. *Ibid.*

Overture about Causes before the Commission, transmitted to the several Presbyteries for their Opinion. *Ibid.*

Instructions to the Commission. *Ibid.*

The Accompts of the Procurator, Agents, and Printers, for the Church, with the Report of the Committee, that examined the same, produced, and ordered to ly upon the Table, to be perused by the Members. *Ibid.*

A Motion, that the Agents and Sub-Clerks do find Caution, for the Money to be impressed into their Hands, for defraying the incident Charges of the Church, referred to the Committee, appointed to prepare an Overture about laying out the Publick Money. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, to determine any Question with Relation to the Settlement of the present Vacancy in the *Canongate*. *Ibid.*

An Overture given in by the Committee of the whole House, touching the Scheme for providing an Annuity to Ministers Widows, and a Stock to their Children, approved; and resolved that Application be made to the King and Parliament, to render the same effectual; and the Commission directed, if, upon Enquiry, they shall find Encouragement, to hope for Success, to cause such Application to be made in the Assembly's Name, the Expence whereof to be on the publick Charge of the Church; and the Scheme appointed to be printed, and Copies sent to every Minister of the Church, and to each Member of Parliament from *Scotland*. *Ibid.*

The Procurator for the Church, appointed to pay Ten Pounds *Sterling* to the Order of Mr. *John Ballantyne*, Minister at *South-Ronaldsay*, for defraying the Expence of executing an Act and Commission granted by the Court of Session, in a Process for recovery of a Gleib in the Isle of *Burray*, kept from him by Sir *James Stewart*. *Ibid.*

The Commission impowered to determine in a Cause about planting the Parish of *Robertson*, brought by Appeal of the Patron and other Heritors of that Parish, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, refusing to concur with a Presentation and Call to Mr. *William Nimmo*, Probationer, to be Minister of that Parish, and the same to be taken in as the first private Cause. *Ibid.*

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- Glasgow*, with respect to a Case depending before them, concerning the Marriage of *John Buchanan*, Barber in *Glasgow*, and *Mary Robertson*, Widow of *Peter Balinnie* Fencing-master there, *May 23, post meridiem, Sess. ult.*
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- Report of the Committee appointed to give Advice to the Presbytery of *Meigle*, given in and approven; and the Procurator and Agent for the Church, ordered to concur with the said Presbytery, in carrying on a Process for suppressing of the Parish of *Ruthven*, of small Extent in their Bounds, and erecting a new Church or Place of Worship, at the Head of the Parish of *Alyth*. *Ibid.*
- The Procurator and Agent for the Church empowered as they see needful, to assist the Minister of *Blair-Athol*, and Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, in carrying on a Process for maintaining the Right to the Houses adjacent to, and belonging to the said Minister's Glie at *Kilmaveunag*, and defray the Expence out of the Church's Publick Money. *Ibid.*
- Order for Payment of Six Pounds *Sterling* to the Commissioner, from the Presbytery of *Lorn*, as a *viaticum* for his Attendance on this Assembly. *Ibid.*
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- Act approving the Accompts of Mr. *William Grant*, Procurator for the Church, his Intromissions with his Majesty's Allowance, for defraying the Publick Charges of the Church, for the Terms of *Michaelmas* and *Christmas* 1741, and *Ladyday* and *Midsummer* 1742, and discharging him and his Cautioners thereof; and allowing him to have Credit in his next Accompt, of a Balance of Eight Pounds, Twelve Shillings, Six Pence, and One Halfpenny *Sterling*, due to him. *Ibid.*
- The Report of the Committee for examining the Accompts of the deceased *Nicol Spence*, late Agent for the Church, and *Robert MacIntosh*, present Agent, read and approven; and a Balance of Forty-three Pounds, Two Shillings and Three Pence *Sterling*, to be recovered from the Representatives

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presentatives of the said *Nicol Spence*, appointed to be charged upon *Robert MacIntosh*, in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*

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References to the Commission, to determine in a Cause, brought by Appeal of Mr. *James Wilson*, Minister at *Syningtoun*, from a Judgment of the Synod of *Lothian and Tweeddale*, in Relation to certain Differences betwixt him and the Presbytery of *Biggar*. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *John MacLeod*, Minister at *Kilmuir in Duirnish*, complaining of certain alledged Acts of injustice done him by the Chamberlain of *Lewis*, for Lord *Fortrose*, and craving the Assistance of the Procurator and Agent for the Church, at the Publick Expence, remitted to the Commission. *Ibid.*

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A Petition of Mr. *Francis Robertson*, Minister at *Clyne*, craving to be refunded out of the Churches Publick Money, of the Expence of a Process laid out in obtaining a Decreet of Modification and Locality of his Stipend some Years ago, remitted to the Commission. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, to determine in a Cause brought by Appeal, of the Patron and others, of the Parish of *Strathmartin*, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Dundee*, delaying to appoint the Moderation of a Call to one to be Minister of that Parish, to be taken in next to the Cause about planting *Robertoun*. *Ibid.*

A Petition of *Quintin Dick* of *Lochspouts*, craving to be reponed against a Sentence of the Commission of the late General Assembly, dismissing his Appeal referred to them, in respect, he was not present by himself, or his Procurator, at Calling the Cause in *May* last, referred to the Commission of this Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Petition of *John MacTaggart*, craving to be reponed against the late Commission's Sentence, dismissing his Appeal from the Synod of *Glasgow and Ayr*, in his Absence, referred to this Commission. *Ibid.*

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- fries*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Drumfries*, refusing to absolve him from the Scandal of Fornication he is charged as guilty with *Janet Sturgeon* in *Dumfries*. *Ibid.*
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- Recommendation to the Synods of *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen*, *Fife* and *Perth*, and *Stirling*, to make a Collection at all the Church Doors within their Bounds, for Redemption of *Robert Anderson*, Son to *James Anderson*, in the Parish of *St. Vigians*, who is detained Captive at *Tangiers*; and to transmit the Money so collected, to the Moderator of the Presbytery of *Aberbrothwick*. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission, to determine in a Cause brought by Appeal, of *Gilbert MacGhie*, Indweller in *Canon-gate*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, prohibiting him to co-habite with *Jean Wood*, in Regard of his having been formerly married to *Jean Mustard*, who is still alive. *Ibid.*
- An Appeal of Mr. *Andrew Henderson* Probationer, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Murray*, suspending him from the Exercise of his Licence, referred by the late General Assembly to their Commission, but not discuss, is referred to the Commission of this Assembly. *Ibid.*
- The Complaint of Mr. *John Kennedy* Probationer, against the Commission of the late General Assembly, for affirming the Sentences of the Synod of *Lothian* and Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, depriving him of his Licence, heard, and dismissed. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission of this Assembly, to determine in all Causes referred by the late General Assembly to their Commission, but not decided by them. *Ibid.*
- The Report of these named, to draw a Commission to a Committee, for managing the Royal Bounty, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* this Year, approved. *Ibid.*
- The Synod Books of *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Ross*, *Orkney*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Galloway* and *Fife*, attested. *Ibid.*
- The Visitors of the Synod Books of *Dumfries* and *Perth*, and *Stirling*, Absent, and a Reference, to the Commission

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sion to call them to account for their Absence, and Censure them as they see Cause, and to order the Books to be attested. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Aberdeen, Murray, Glenelg, Sutherland* and *Caithness, Merse* and *Feviotdale, Glasgow* and, *Ayr Argyle*, and Presbytery Books of *Zetland*, not being brought up to be revised by this Assembly, are appointed to be laid before the next General Assembly. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Parishioners of *Airth*, and Presbytery of *Stirling*, against the Right Hon. the Lord *Elphinston* and others, for not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the said Presbytery, sustaining a Call of the foresaid Parish, to Mr. *William Forbes* Probationer, to be their Minister, and the said Appeal deserted and fallen from, and declared void and null. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod and Presbytery of *Dumfries*, against the Parishioners of *Traquair*, for not insisting in their Appeal, from a Sentence of the said Synod, with Relation to the Settlement of that Parish, and the said Appeal declared to be deserted and fallen from. *Ibid.*

List of Probationers in the Bounds of 45 Presbyteries produced, amounting to the Number of 186, and ordered to be recorded, there being 28 Presbyteries, that omitted to send up the Names of their Probationers, and Three Presbyteries that reported they had no Probationers in their Bounds. *Ibid.*

The Minutes of this *Sederunt* were read, the Minutes of former *Sederunts* having been all read, at the Diets subsequent to each *Sederunt*. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Minutes of this Assembly's Proceedings, at this and all other Diets thereof; and to direct such of the Acts of this Assembly, as are to be standing Rules, or are of publick Use, to be printed. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Assembly, and to His Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commissioner made a Speech in Return, and then the Assembly was concluded. *Ibid.*

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